



BEFORE THE

**Federal Communications Commission**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

*In the Matter of*

Amendment of Part 90 of the  
Commission's Rules to Facilitate  
Future Development of SMR Systems  
in the 800 MHz Frequency band

Implementation of Sections 3 (n) and  
322 of the Communications Act  
Regulatory Treatment of Mobile Services

Implementation of Section 309 (j) of the  
Communications Act--Competitive  
Bidding

PR Docket No. 93-144  
RM-8117, RM-8030  
RM-8029

GN Docket No. 93-252

PP Docket No. 93-253

To: Daniel B. Phythyon  
Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

**Erratum**

On January 20, 1998, Telecellular, Inc. and nine of the participating licensees ("Licensees") in the TELECELLULAR joint venture, through counsel filed "Comments" in the above-captioned proceeding.<sup>1</sup> The caption of that pleading inadvertently failed to list the docket numbers. Attached hereto is a copy with a corrected caption.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 22, 1998

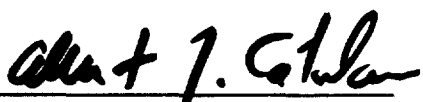
<sup>1</sup>The licensees are Caribbean Digital Communications Inc.; Caribbean SMR, Inc.; Caribbean Spectrum, Inc.; Island Communications, Inc.; Island Digital Communications, Inc.; Island SMR, Inc.; Ponce SMR, Inc.; SMR Digital PR; SMR Spectrum.

**Certificate of Service**

I, Albert J. Catalano, an attorney in the law firm of Day & Catalano, PLLC, hereby certify that on this 22nd day of January, 1998, I caused a true and complete photocopy of the foregoing "Erratum" to be sent, via U.S. first class mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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To: Daniel B. Phythyon  
Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

**Comments**

Telecellular, Inc. ("TCI") and nine of the participating licensees ("Licensees") in the TELECELLULAR joint venture for construction of a wide area SMR system in Puerto Rico, through counsel, hereby file these comments in response to the "Petition For Partial Reconsideration" filed by North Sight Communications, Inc. ("North Sight") and the "Opposition To Petition For Partial Reconsideration" filed by Telecellular de Puerto Rico (TPR) in the above-captioned matter.<sup>1 2</sup> The Commission should affirm its "Extended Implementation Order" and find that:

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<sup>1</sup> Although North Sight served TPR with its Petition, service was not made on TCI or the Licensees, who had filed a waiver request associated with the Docket that was pending at the time of the Petition. Because TPR was served, TCI and the Licensees were also entitled to be served under Section 1.429 (e) of the Rules, 47 C.F.R. (e). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Commission accept this filing pursuant to Section 1.41 of the Rules, 47 C.F.R. 1.41 in order to create a complete record for evaluation in the public interest. Indeed, the pleading cycle in this matter is still open as of this

(1) extended implementation until May 20, 1999 for construction of a wide area SMR system in Puerto Rico extends to the *participating licensees* and not to any particular third party;<sup>3</sup> (2) any contract disputes between the licensee and third parties are matters for state and local consideration and are not properly before the Commission in this proceeding; (3) interpretations of corporate law are within the domain of state and local courts and are not properly before the Commission in this proceeding.

At the outset, it should be noted that consistent with the requirements of the Communications Act (See 47 U.S.C. § 301, 47 U.S.C. § 310 (d)) and the Commission's prior treatment of "participating licensees" in a Puerto Rico wide-area system (see attachment ), it is without question that the Commission's authorization for extended implementation to construct a wide area system goes to the *participating licensees* and *not* to any particular third party. Accordingly, the *licensees* are free to construct a wide-area system in Puerto Rico under the Commission's "Implementation Order." Disputes that may arise out of agreements with third parties are matters to be decided in state and local courts and should not be allowed to cloud the record before the Commission. See *Listeners' Guild, Inc. v. FCC*, 813 F.2d 465, 469 (D.C. Cir. 1987); also see. *Sonderling Broadcasting Co.*, 46 Rad. Reg. 2d (P&F) 889, 894 (1974); *Robert J. Kile* 3 FCC Rcd 1087 (1988). Likewise, the issues raised by North Sight with respect to corporate law matters are issues to be addressed by state and local courts in the first instance and are not appropriately before the

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date. Counsel for North Sight has been advised of this filing as was the office of the counsel for TPR, who could not be reached directly.

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<sup>3</sup> DA 97-2373, released November 12, 1997 ("Extended Implementation Order").

Commission. See eg. *North American Broadcasting company, Inc.* 15 FCC 2d 979 (Rev. Bd. 1969); *Intercast, Inc.* 43 FCC 2d. 658 (Rev. Bd. 1973).

North Sight challenges the Commission's reasoning in granting extended implementation because it contends it is simply a case of "licensees that are arguing with each other"<sup>4</sup> and therefore the delay was entirely within the control of the parties. However, because of the litigation brought by TPR, a third party, the Commission was correct in its underlying reasoning that the delay was due, in large part, to the on-going litigation between third parties and *not* to disputes *among* the participating licensee. In sum, North Sight has raised no issue that requires reconsideration of the Commission's decision to allow the licensees until May 20, 1999 to construct a wide area system in Puerto Rico.

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<sup>4</sup>North Sight Petition, at 9.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, the Commission should take action consistent with the views set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Telecellular, Inc.  
Caribbean Digital Communications Inc.  
Caribbean SMR, Inc.  
Caribbean Spectrum, Inc.  
Island Communications, Inc.  
Island Digital Communications, Inc.  
Island SMR, Inc.  
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Dated: January 20, 1998

FROM :

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### CERTIFICATION

On behalf of Telecellular, Inc., the undersigned Director of Telecellular, Inc. hereby certifies under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

1. I have read the attached Comments.
2. All of the information contained in the attached Comments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

TELECELLULAR, INC.

  
by: Juno McNally, Director

**EXHIBIT**



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Ann: Richard S. Myers

Dear Mr. Myers:

This is in response to your request to toll the one year construction requirement pending consideration of the request for Extended Implementation filed on behalf of the participating licensees in TELECELLULAR which was dated May 24, 1994.

Due to the delay in responding to your request for Extended Implementation, we are hereby granting your request to toll the one year construction requirement. The construction period will be tolled from May 24, 1994 to the date of which a decision is made on the Extended Implementation Request.

I hope this responds fully to your tolling request. Any further questions concerning this request may be directed to Mr. Al Knerr of our Technical Section, at (717) 337-1411 (ext. 227).

Sincerely,

*Ronald B. Fisher*  
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Chief, Land Mobile Branch

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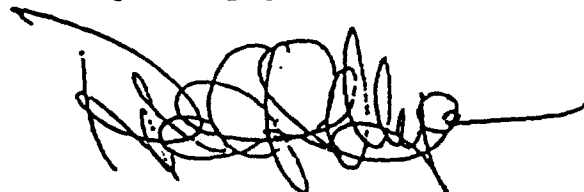
Re: Participating Licensees of TELECELLULAR  
Rejustification For Extended Implementation  
Authority For A Wide Area 800 MHz System  
Serving The Island Of Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of the participating licensees of TELECELLULAR, there are hereby submitted an original and four (4) copies of their "Rejustification For Extended Implementation Authority" for a wide area 800 MHz system serving the island of Puerto Rico. Also enclosed is a diskette copy of information submitted in Exhibit A of this filing.

Please contact the undersigned if any questions arise concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,



Richard S. Myers

Enclosures

Before The  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In re 800 MHz Licenses of )  
PARTICIPATING LICENSEES OF ) Call Signs: See Exhibit 1  
TELECELLULAR )  
Request for Extended )  
Implementation Period for )  
Wide Area SMR System pursuant )  
to Section 90.629 of the )  
Commission's Rules and Request )  
for Tolling of the Applicable )  
Construction Deadline Pending )  
Consideration of this Request )  
for Extended Implementation )

To: Chief, Private Radio Bureau

SECOND AMENDMENT TO REQUEST FOR EXTENDED IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

The participating licensees of TELECELLULAR hereby file this amendment to its pending Request for Extended Implementation to include three more SMR licenses in the TELECELLULAR wide area network covering Puerto Rico. Accordingly, enclosed is a revised Exhibit 1 which adds the following SMR licenses:

Apex Communication, Inc.  
Call Sign: WPDQ861  
Frequency: 861-865.33750

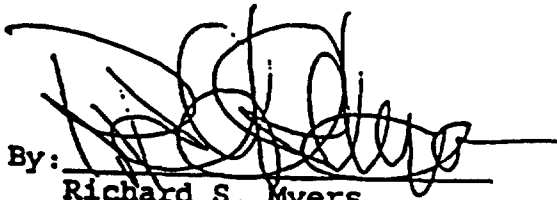
Mayaguez SMR, Inc.  
Call Sign: WPDQ879  
Frequency: 861-865.78750

Mayaguez SMR, Inc.  
Call Sign: WPDQ880  
Frequency: 861-865.06250

It is further requested that the period for constructing the above referenced call sign be tolled from the date this amendment is filed to the date the Commission takes action on the underlying Request for Extended Implementation.

Respectfully submitted,

THE PARTICIPATING LICENSEES OF  
TELECELLULAR

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. S. Myers', is written over a horizontal line.

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September 13, 1994

Before The  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In re 800 MHz Licenses of )

PARTICIPATING LICENSEES OF )  
TELECELLULAR )

Call Signs: See Exhibit 1

Request for Extended )  
Implementation Period for )  
Wide Area SMR System pursuant )  
to Section 90.629 of the )  
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for Tolling of the Applicable )  
Construction Deadline Pending )  
Consideration of this Request )  
for Extended Implementation )

To: Chief, Private Radio Bureau

REQUEST FOR EXTENDED IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

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May 24, 1994

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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**Dated: January 20, 1998**



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